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Wednesday, September 17, 2008, 8 a.m.**

**Note: New items are listed in bold**

**Current Situation**

No rain is forecasted through Monday (9/22/08). Flooding continues to be an issue throughout northwest Indiana. Power and drinking water continues to be an issue in the southeast part of the State. The Indiana State Emergency Operations Center remains activated at a Level 3 to monitor conditions and provide resource to support to local agencies.

The state EOC has requested FEMA to send a logistics expert to assist with requests, has requested the Army Core of Engineers to send a coordination /support staff person and was notified of a fuel supply shortage in the counties bordering Louisville and Cincinnati.

The dam at Lake Dalecarlia continues to hold and water is receding below the roadway. Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Water Division continues to express concerns regarding the structure integrity of the dam and potential long term issues. Local fire department personnel continue to monitor.

Flooding of sections of Interstate 80/94 (from IL state line through Lake County), a major thoroughfare from Chicago east across Indiana, continues to be a priority. Crews and pumps are working around the clock.

**The Indiana Toll Road Concession Company is not charging tolls for motorists from the West Point Toll Plaza, 1 Mile Post, to the Willow Creek Toll Plaza, 22.8 mile Post. This includes the Lake Station toll Plaza, 21 mile Post. Motorists are traveling through the plazas without stopping. These tolls are being suspended to help alleviate traffic congestion.**

The Crawford County EMA reported that the elementary school is setting up food operations. Numerous counties in District 10 (southwest corner of Indiana) are assisting Crawford County by providing generators, food, equipment and manpower. Additional police patrols will be held in Crawford County. Two State Troopers will be on patrol. ISP Troopers will also be providing security at the fairgrounds when the water distribution begins.

Washington Co. reported mass care issues regarding feeding people still without power. The Salvation Army and a local church are assisting.

Dearborn County reported that 4,000-5,000 residents are still without power and may not be restored until Friday and Saturday. Most of the gas stations have run out of fuel. Distributors have also run out of fuel.

Jennings County Emergency Management Agency reported 80% of the county is without power and earliest restoration is Saturday. Need water for Lovett and Marion townships. Running low on fuel in

the county and starting to ration fuel. Have temporary shelter and may need to have it go to a full shelter facility.

Boil orders continue for Scott, Brown and St Joseph counties. Power outages in southern counties have created water production shortages. Finding additional generator sources for water facilities and fuel re-supply, as well as providing drinking water resources, are of top priority. Harrison and Crawford Co. have little water pressure due to power outages and will be receiving additional water.

The American Red Cross has a total of 5 shelters open in Clark, Lake, Jennings, and Washington counties. Scott County shelter supported by the Salvation Army for citizens with power needs (oxygen machines for example).

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) reports **70,368** customers are still without power.

Hoosiers who sustained damage caused by flooding beginning September 13 are urged to call 888.335.9490 to report damage. The number will be staffed from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday by the Indiana Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives.

### **Public Health and Safety**

Confirmed Injuries: 19

Confirmed Fatalities: 7 confirmed fatalities have been reported, Clark County – 1 person was killed after a tree fell onto their car in Union Township. Crawford County – 1 person was killed after a tree fell onto the person. Ohio County -1 person was killed when struck by a falling tree. Perry County – 1 fatality occurred when a tree fell on him. Porter County – 2 adults drowned while attempting to pull a child from a culvert. The child was pulled to safety. Ripley County - 1 adult killed in Versailles State Park by a falling tree.

### **Agencies Active in State Response Operations**

See attached state resources map

#### **Federal Agencies:**

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

#### **Non-Government Agencies:**

American Red Cross (ARC)

### **Shelters:**

American Red Cross – To find a phone number for your local Red Cross, go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) The Red Cross is represented at the EOC as well as many in the field.

Total Reported Shelter Population:  
149

### **Animal Care Facilities**

**Calumet Humane Society – There are some animal rescue issues in Munster. Cannot get into the flooded area because of utility issues, but will be picking up animals as soon as they are allowed.**

### **Critical Infrastructure**

#### **Power:**

- IPL - **521** customers without power. All customers will be restored by Thursday (9/18/08) PM.

- Duke – **58,523** customers without power. Largest numbers in Clarksville (Floyd), Corydon (Harrison), and Madison (Jefferson). Complete restoration by 9/20/08 (Saturday).
- Vectren - **11,324** customers without power. Vanderburgh, Warrick, Gibson, Spencer, Posey counties. Complete restoration is estimated to be done by 9/18/08 PM.

#### **Water:**

Pump station quit in Hammond (Lake Co)

Pump station stopped in Calumet (Lake Co)

Power restored to water pump stations (Harrison Co)

Pump station at Leavenworth and Milltown on generator power (Crawford Co)

#### **Wastewater:**

Lacrosse (LaPorte Co) sewer system is functioning although it is at capacity.

Hobart sewage lift station needs migration (Lake Co)

#### **Telecommunications:**

There have been reports of sporadic, localized cellular and landline telephone service outages; however no widespread telecommunication service outages have been reported. **Remote terminals are run on batteries when they lose electrical power and those batteries are running low.**

#### **Transportation**

Road Closures: [www.in.gov/gov/3976.htm](http://www.in.gov/gov/3976.htm)

#### **Airport Status:**

Tower lights out at Peppertown (Franklin Co) and are running on generator. The FAA has been contacted. updated 9-16-2008

#### **Public Health and Medical:**

**Wellstone Regional Hospital in Clark County is operating on generator power.**

Perry Co Nursing home on generator

St. Margaret Mercy Hospital sandbagged but not evacuated - water receding

#### **Flood Control:**

[www.weather.gov/ahps](http://www.weather.gov/ahps)

Levee failure near Kennedy Ave in Hammond (Lake Co)

Over top: Little Calumet Levee in Munster (Lake Co)

Topped: Hart Ditch Levee in Dyer (Lake Co)

Over top: Lake George Dam in Hobart (Lake Co)

Over top: Lake Dalecarlia near Lowell (Lake Co)

Over top: Levee located at 400W (Jasper Co)